

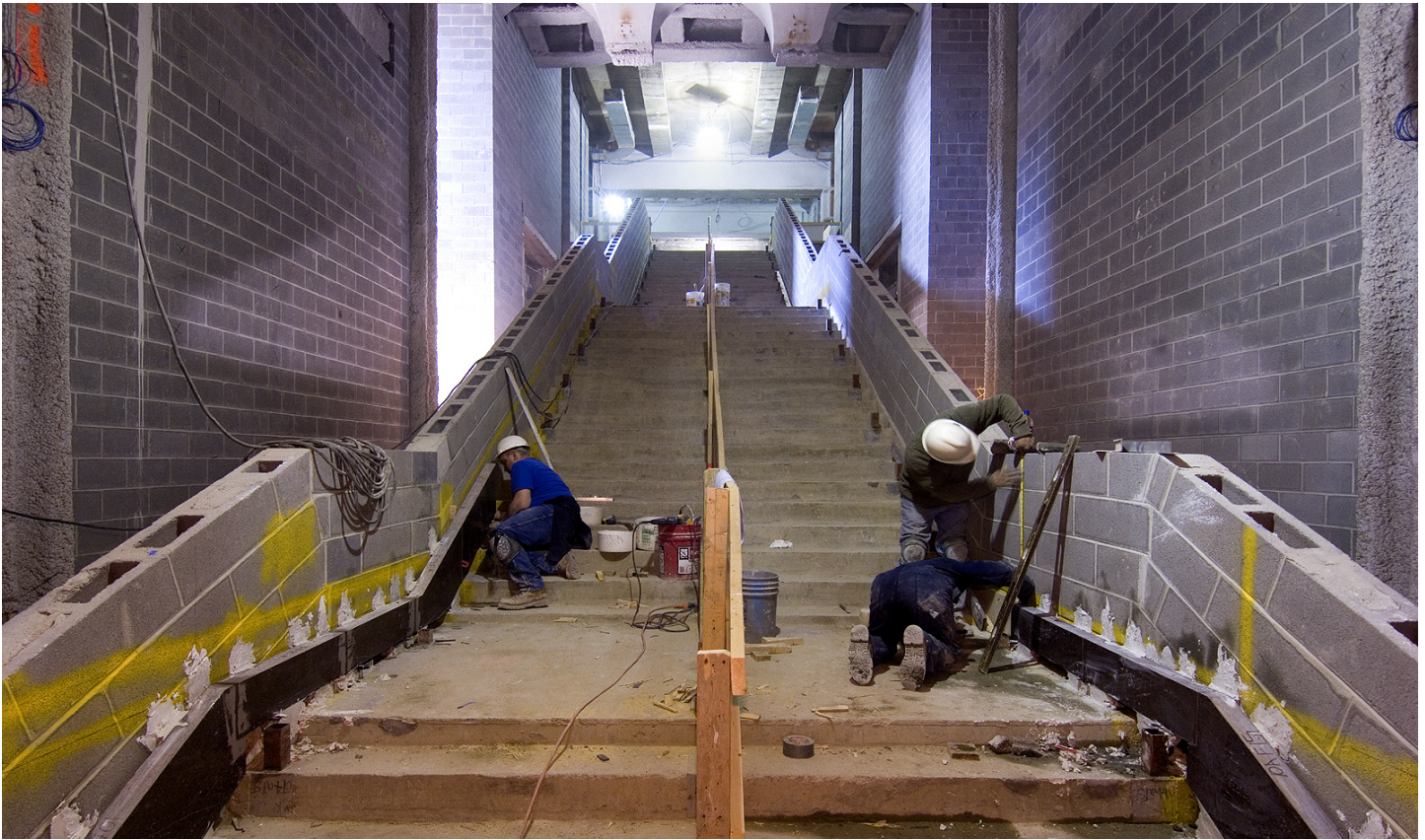


United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Masons have begun setting Tennessee Marble base stone along the main staircase connecting the CVC to the Capitol.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/03/06 through 4/07/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons will continue setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the skylight is expected to begin in May upon completion of this stone work.
- Stone masons have nearly completed setting wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Masons are now setting base stone within the lower level of the East Front within the CVC/Capitol transition zone.
- Workers are expected to complete the framework for the last of the Great Hall's three barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves.
- Workers continue welding the steel framework for a raised glass floor in the Exhibition Hall. Floor stone installation will continue and one course of stone has reached the center of the Hall from the south end.
- Crews have completed the concrete foundation work for a stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE. Pre-cast concrete slabs are in place and the zone is ready to receive the 16 Tulip Poplar trees next Monday, April 10. A total of 32 new trees are expected to be planted along both the north and south walkways (16 on each side) by early May.
- Masons will continue to lay granite pavers on the plaza and will also continue setting red asphaltic stones in a herring-bone pattern along the north edge of the East Capitol Street Extension. The south edge has been completed.
- Throughout the CVC portion of the project area, crews continue to install ceiling framework, drywall and plaster.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons will continue setting base stone in the stairwell atrium on the House side. This atrium will be illuminated by one of the four smaller skylights on the East Front Plaza.
- Wall "close-in" inspection work continues on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and has begun in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.

- Foundation underpinning and demolition work is complete for the House Connector Tunnel and a “mud” slab of concrete will be placed this week followed by a slab on grade and other build-up activities.

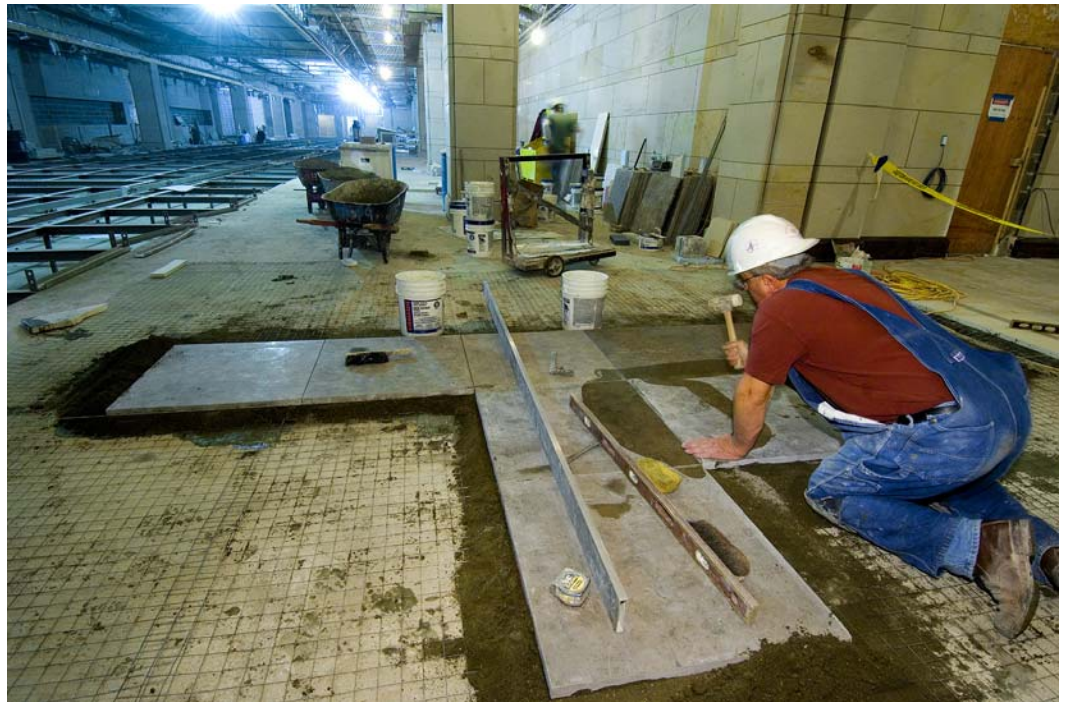
East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- All pre-cast concrete tunnel sections are now in place at First Street and the tunnel is completely closed except for air shaft openings.
- Most of the tunnel has been backfilled and 200 feet of a 10-inch-thick concrete slab has been placed above the east end of the tunnel zone near Second Street. Additional concrete placements are expected later this week and concrete crews will continue moving west toward First Street over the next several weeks. Work is still on track to allow East Capitol to open to traffic next month.
- Crews continue to install piping insulation inside the tunnel.

Next Week – 4/10/06 – 4/14/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Landscape crews are expected to begin planting the first of 16 Tulip Poplar trees along the north wall of the Congressional Auditorium. Similar work along the south walkway will follow by two weeks.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Concrete placements will continue along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets to restore the road bed.
- Installation and welding of pipe is expected to resume inside the new utility tunnel. Waterproofing activities will continue on the pre-cast concrete sections at First Street in preparation of final backfilling work in this zone.
- A waterproofing membrane will be applied to the East Front Center Steps in preparation for the re-installation of the original granite step slabs to begin in early May.
- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level will occur during the evenings beginning late in the week and should be completed before the recess.



Masons have begun setting floor stone at the south end of the CVC Exhibition Hall.